

A

REVIEW OF THE STATE OF THE BRITISH NATION.

Thursday, April 29. 1708.

I Am still upon the Subject of Mis-representations, I'll have done with them presently; I have been telling you how far they have been Instrumental to bring on this vile Attempt of a French Invasion, but we must do Justice, and vindicate the Reputation even of our worst Enemies; nay, I'll venture your Indignation for once, so far as to tell you, I must vindicate the French King.

There's a Rogue, my Lord, says one; there's a Jacobite, says another; the

Review always magnify'd the French, says a third; Away with him, says Dr. B——, and into the Fire goes the poor Paper. Out, Villain, says a rash but honest Man, before he reads another Line; what, vindicate the French King? Has he not set up a Pretender? Has he not affronted the QUEEN? Has he not been our profess'd and Popish Enemy upon all Occasions? — What, vindicate the French King? He deserves to be cut into Atoms, says wonderful Mr. —, and thus ye go on.

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Why for all this, I must vindicate the French King—Nay for all your Anger, let me tell you, her Majesty Her Self has viadicated the French King in the very same Manner—Now pray observe it, you that usually condemn before you hear— You are mistaken, if you think, I vindicate the French King in his Methods of making this War, his erecting the Pretender after he has recognized King William, his insulting her Majesty, and his breaking Faith in the Case of the Treaty of Partition, in the Beginning this War, or in any of the Allegations above—But I cannot but vindicate the French King from the Folly and Rashness of this Enterprise in Scotland ; and this is what the QUEEN has done in her Speech to the Parliament, where her Majesty is pleas'd to tell the Nation, that this Attempt was not like the French King, that it must needs be, that some of her Subjects had strangely mis-represented our Affairs—That he should make an Attempt so wide from his usual Precautions.

And here therefore I must take leave to tell our Friends, that we are Debtors to their marvellous Kindness, like Huskai, they have confounded the Counsel of their own Achitophel, for they have drawn in the King of France to an Attempt that could not but mis-carry.

It is clear from all the Circumstances, and from all our Intelligence from abroad, that the French King was perfectly dragged into this Affair by the Importunity of this Party, I mean by

the Importunity of their absurd Suggestions about our naked Condition in Scotland, and Impossibility of supplying Forces, our Weakness at Sea, and the Impossibility of making ready any Number of Ships in Time, our Weakness in general by the Stagnation of our Funds, Scarcity of Money and Ruin of our Trade, and above all the Impossibility of exerting the Strength we had, by the Disaffection of our People ; that all Scotland long'd for their new Lord, that the Presbyterians were disgusted at the Union, and their Uneasiness reach'd to that Height, that they were ready to close with any that would deliver them from it, and in short, that all Scotland was at their Devotion.

Nothing, but the Force of such Delusions as these, could be capable of drawing in a Prince so wary, so politick, and so clear-sighted as the French ; and therefore it is the most natural Thing in the World to judge, that this has been the Occasion of it all, and the Violence of these Arguments upon the King of France's Inclination appears in the strict Limitations in the French Orders to their Admirals, that they should land no where but at Edinburgh, that is, the Ports pointing at Edinburgh, as if he had let us know, he was prevail'd on to put this Test upon their Importunities, that if what they said was true, and it appear'd so, by the Capital City declaring, he would venture upon their Assertions, and send a small Force to assist them in making the Defection they offer'd ; but that for attempting in other Places, which must be making a War:

War in Scotland at his own Expence, he would not do it on such Assurances. — And this is a plain Vindication of the French King, and proves, that he had no great Faith in the Design, or in the Assurances given him; else what should have hindred, but that Monsieur Fourbin might have landed his Troops, after Sir Geo. Bing was gone up into Leith Road; from whence had the French gone into Murray Firth or Cromarty, the English could never have reach'd them, till they might have landed all their Troops, Stores, Ammunition, &c. and have been at Sea again, in order to their Return.

Nor can we be sufficiently thankful to our Beloved High-Flying Friends, for having thus on all Occasions precipitated their Party into almost all the Mistakes they have committed, and now again once more deluding them with false Hopes, and led them by false Lights into Steps destructive to their true Interest.

To all possible Honour and Glory of High-Church in England be it spoken; this has been their constant Method, and the Success has answer'd accordingly, to our extraordinary Deliverance, when our own Policy and Strength could not have sav'd us. Thus they did by King Charles II. which unravell'd all the Popish Plot; thus they did by King James, which drove him headlong into Abdication, and laid the first Stone of the Revolution; thus they did in that Reign, which drove them headlong out of the Court; thus in the Occasional Bill, which made the Nation abhor them in the next Election, as I hinted

at large before; and thus they have done now, which has tended to giving an early Shock to the hopeful Prospect of the French Affairs, and put us in Expectation of better Success in the Proces of this Summer, than we had before.

And indeed none but our *HighFlyers* are qualify'd for this Kind of Work; no Men are so exquisitely accomplish'd in the Art of Mis-representation as they; and tho' indeed the expected Delusions have rather reverted upon themselves, and affected their own Cause; yet we must own them Men of Art, and doubtless they laid the Plot right, and they are the best under-hand Friends the Government has, for they always do our Work to our Hand; no Men in the World could cheat the King of France but those; the King of France, like other Men, for he is but a Man, is soonest deceived by the double Faces of his Friends; open Enemies cannot so easily delude; and if he has given Ear to those who have made such loud Pretences to his Service, he is but like all the World, who are generally gull'd by the Mis-representations of Things, not by the plain and downright Articles of Force and Opposition.

All I can blame the French King's Politicks for in this, is, That he should know them no better; I am apt to think, he could not be so ignorant of their Character, and that they not only cheated K. James, to whom they promised absolute Subjection, but that they have cheated all that ever had to do with them, since they were a Party, and will continue to do so to the End of their being a Party. But of this hereafter.

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NOTE, He forges and finishes his Trusses himself, by which means he daily Improves his Inventions.

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This is to give Notice, that I Richard Baker, of Lawrence-Palney Lane, Cannonstreet, London, having had a Rupture for about fifty Years; at last I apply'd my self to the late Mr. Christopher Bartlett, at the Golden-Ball by the Tavern in Prescot-Street in Goodman's-Fields; who, by his ingenious Invention of Spring-Trusses and Rupture Spirits, with the Blessing of GOD, made a perfect Cure in about eight Months, and I have been perfectly well ever since, which is about four or five Years.

NOTE, His Son P. Bartlett lives at the same Place as above-mention'd; and carries on the same Business, as his Father did; having been by him thoroughly Educated therin.

